

**REMARKS**

Claims 9-21 are pending in the Application. The specification has been amended to add a cross-reference to the application to which priority is claimed.

**Rejection of Claims under the Judicially-Created Doctrine  
of Obviousness-Type Double-Patenting**

Claims 9-21 are rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double-patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-8 of U.S. Patent No. 5,941,949. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. However, Applicants submit herewith a properly executed Terminal Disclaimer to overcome this rejection in order to expedite prosecution of this application.

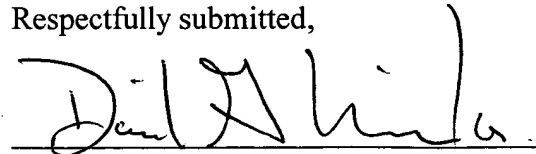
**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider the application and claims in light of the foregoing Response, and respectfully submit that claims 9-21 are now in condition for allowance. If, in the Examiner's opinion, a telephonic interview would expedite the favorable prosecution of the present application, the undersigned agent would welcome the opportunity to discuss any outstanding issues, and to work with the Examiner toward placing the application in condition for allowance.

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